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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND RESEARCH (BEN HARON) CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE OF REF B REPORT THAT PRG REPRESENTATIVE CHAU PHON, WHO IS JAKARTA REP OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT, WILL TAKE OVER FORMER GVN EMBASSY IN KL NEXT WEEK. HE SAID CHAU PHON EXPECTED TO ARRIVE KL AFTER MAY 20 BUT EXACT ETA NOT YET KNOWN. BEN HARON ALSO SAID GOM WILL DISCUSS REOPENING ITS SAIGON EMBASSY WITH CHAU PHON AND HOPES TO ELICIT FROM HIM PRG POLICY ON ESTABLISHING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS.

- 2. BEN HARON PREDICTED MEETINGS WITH CHAU PHON WILL BE "INTERESTING" BECAUSE OF LATTER'S RECENT STATEMENTS IN JAKARTA THAT PRG WILLING TO ENTERTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ASEAN MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY BUT WILL NOT DEAL WITH ASEAN NATIONS AS A GROUP OR WITH ASEAN AS A SINGLE ORGANIZATION. BEN HARON ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT GOM IS NOT SURE TO WHAT EXTENT CHAU PHON REPRESENTS VIEWS OF NEW SAIGON REGIME AND JAKARTA STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM MAY NOT BE ACCURATE.
- 3. REGARDING RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA, BEN HARON SAID GOM IS HOLDING IN ABEYANCE PLANS TO SEND BACK CHARGE ISMAIL BIN AMBIA WHO IS NOW IN BANGKOK. GOM IS INFORMED THAT KHMER ROUGE REGIME IS UNWILLING UNDERTAKE ANY DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS BUT, ACCORDING TO BEN HARON, GOM WILL BE READY TO REOPEN MISSION AS SOON AS WISHES OF PHNOM PENH GOVERNMENT ARE KNOWN. HE ADDED THAT MFA HAS RECEIVED REPORT FROM ITS EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE THAT KHMER ROUGE GOVERNMENT HAS, IN ADDITION TO PRC PRESS DELEGATION, REFUSED TO RECEIVE NEWSMEN FROM HANOI. UNDERHILL

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